



# ABOUT OUR HERITAGE ROADS

Our Heritage Roads are more than just canopy roads, they offer glimpses into the rich and colorful history of Jefferson County. The landscape is diverse and these driving tours will take you through scenic rolling hills with farms, ranches and timber lands. Experience the dramatic drop from the Cody escarpment down into the central and southwestern parts of the county. As you pass under old oaks draped with Spanish moss you can learn about the exploits of early settlers and explorers, and the rich agricultural, timber, and ranching history of our county. Picnic on the bank of a lake or river on your day trip or plan a longer stay and swim, boat and fish our beautiful waterways.

The Heritage Road System consists of four named trails:

- **Miccosukee-Magnolia Trail** (Northwest)
- **Plantation Trail** (Northeast)
- **Spanish Trace Trail** (Central)
- **Flatwoods-Wilderness Trail** (Southern)

We are delighted to have you visit with us and we hope you enjoy traveling our Heritage Roads. Please remember to check your fuel gauge and cell phone service. Slow down and enjoy the view - here in Jefferson County, most drivers still wave when passing each other!

For more detailed information about each trail, please see the other side of this map, pick up individual trail maps at the kiosk at Courthouse Circle in Monticello or go to our website at:

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# MICCOSUKEE-MAGNOLIA TRAIL



Distance: 26 miles

Travel Time: 45 minutes

Please note services are limited.

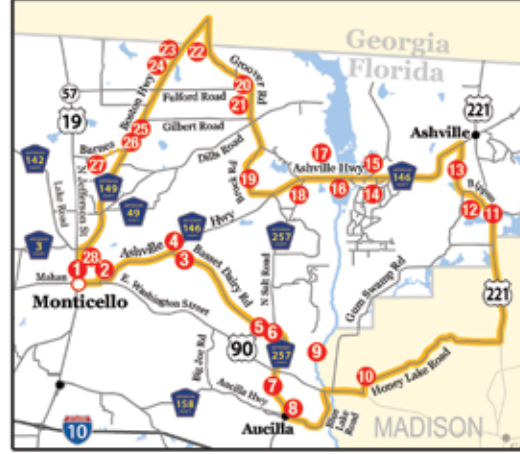
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The Miccosukee-Magnolia Trail travels through northwestern Jefferson County, along a number of canopy roads, through plantations, past historic sites (early settler's communities, cemeteries and churches) and past recreation areas. The countryside is rolling red hills with timber, farm and ranch lands.

START: Monticello - Monticello (1827) and Jefferson County (1826) were some of the earliest US settlements in Florida. The city has many significant buildings and churches.

Turn	Road	Miles	Sites of Interest
▲	North - US 19	0	
▲	North - Lake Road	.9	
▲	West - W Lake Road	1.4	
		2.6	1. Willow Pond - Resort in a country setting used for weddings and special events.
		3.5	2. Ward's Creek - In 1856 the US government granted Florida this 3,800 tract stretching from the state line to Lake Miccosukee. This undeveloped public land is the watershed for Lake Miccosukee.
		5.4	3. Brinson-Green Star Nursery - Thriving commercial nurseries owned by African Americans.
		6.4	4. Junius Hill Church - The church was formed in 1916 by Andrew Jackson Junius, a skilled carpenter, Baptist minister, Mason and member of the Florida House. It is the fourth building housing the church.
		7.5	5. May Pond Plantation - This several thousand acre plantation is owned by the Perkins family. Hunting/shooting schools are operated on property.
		9.2	6. Ford Chapel Church /Festus - The church was established in 1852 and named after George Ford. It served as a school in 1951-52 and there is a cemetery on the grounds. Festus (former site), known as Bradley Quarters, was an African American community. From 1903-1911 the Post Office had African American postmasters who delivered mail on horseback. In 1866 plantation owner John Bailey donated land and money to build a school here.
		9.3	7. Norias Plantation - A several thousand acre plantation can be seen for several miles here. The original owners were Walter Edge, Governor of New Jersey, and Walter Teagle, Chairman of Standard Oil. Following Teagle's death, ad exec C. F. Fitzgerald purchased Norias. The land has been converted to timber and former plantation laborers have migrated into surrounding towns.
		9.6	8. Hopkins Landing - This county park offers a panoramic view of Lake Miccosukee and plantations on the far bank. A public boat ramp offers access to hunt and fish. The home of Mr. Hopkins, first manager of Norias, was formerly on the bluff overlooking the landing.
◀	West - Lake Road	11.0	9. Cotton Trail - A Leon County Canopy Road trail connects through Miccosukee. Go west on Lake Road, south on FL 59 to Moccasin Gap Rd.
			Take an excursion off the Miccosukee-Magnolia Trail to see some of Jefferson County's finest old churches and cemeteries
◀	West - Lake Road		10. Union Branch - Around 1866, plantation owner Mr. Monford sold land to the Old Union congregation (who allowed slaves to use the church for evening services). He then gave it to the former slaves to build their own church called Union Branch. Founded in 1870 and still thriving, it was also used as a school until 1967.
►	East - Lake Road		
▲	North - N. Norias Rd.		11. Old Union Cemetery - A short distance up N. Norias Road is Union Cemetery where the Monford family is buried and across Norias road is Old Union Cemetery, which is still used by the Union Branch Church. Both established in the late 1880s.
▼	South - N. Norias Rd.		
◀	East - Lake Road		12. Mount Olive Church - Church & cemetery were established in the 1800s by the Johnson, Lamb, Flemming, Carr, Cobb and Smith families. To rejoin the Miccosukee-Magnolia Trail.
◀	East - Lake Road	11.5	13. Meander Plantation - A several thousand acre hunting, lumber and timber plantation occupies the entire length of Cocroft, GA Forks & Simpson roads.
◀	North - GA Forks Rd.	13.9	14. Ga. Forks Rd. - Joins Thomas Co. scenic roads.
►	South - Simpson Rd.	15.7	15. Simpson Road - Beautiful unpaved canopy road.
▲	East - Lake Road	20.3	16. Blueberry - goat farm
►	South - US 19	24.9	17. Golden Acres Ranch (Barnes)
			18. Full Moon Apiary (on US 19)
END		26	Monticello Courthouse

# PLANTATION TRAIL



Distance: 53.1 miles

Travel Time: 1:45 minutes

Please note services are limited.

See website for additional routes on this trail.

The Plantation Trail travels through northeastern Jefferson County, along a number of canopy roads, through antebellum plantations, historic sites and past recreation areas.

START: Monticello - Monticello, Courthouse Circle.

Turn	Road	Miles	Sites of Interest
▲	North - US 19	.1	1. Wirick-Simmons House - Adam Wirick built this Greek Revival house in 1831. Restored and refurbished, it now houses the Jefferson County Historical Society. Open Sat. 8-2, 850-997-5552.
►	East - Pearl Street	.1	
►	South - Marvyn	.5	
◀	East - Dogwood	.6	2. Avenue of the Oaks - Beautifully canopied by Live Oaks; planted by the "Watermelon King," J.H. Girardeau. The county was a major producer of watermelon seeds in the early 1900s.
		.9	
◀	North - N. Simpson	.9	
►	East - Pearl/Ashville	.9	
►	South - Basset Dairy	3.6	3. Basset Dairy Road - A designated canopy road that was once part of the old Dixie Highway.
		8.0	4. Walker (formerly Basset) Dairy - A working dairy founded by the Basset family, now operated by the Walker family.
►	South - CR 257	8.0	5. Elizabeth Church & Cemetery - Country church.
		8.8	6. Hickory Hill Church - A lovely country church.
		8.8	7. North Salt Road - Before refrigeration, salt was used to preserve meat & transported along this route.
		11.5	8. Aucilla - Originally an early Indian village and trading post (1830s). The last of four RR stops in Jefferson County, it was a busy pioneer settlement servicing numerous sawmills and turpentine stills.
◀	E/N - Blue Lake Rd.		
►	East - US 90	14.1	9. Aucilla River - The River begins near the FL-GA state line and flows to the Apalachee Bay. It disappears underground several times south of Lamont in a series of beautiful sinks known as the "Aucilla Sinks." Recreation includes boating and fishing.
◀	North - Honey Lake Rd (CR 243)	15.7	10. Honey Lake Plantation - This old plantation was transformed into a luxury resort. Horseback riding, trap shooting, hunting, and special events.
◀	North - US 221	21.3	
◀	West - Bippus Road	25.0	11. Bippus Road - A designated canopy road (a must see!) with steep embankments under an oak canopy. 1.2 miles of pristine unpaved road.
		25.1	12. Lindhurst Plantation - A plantation formed by Wm. J. Bailey in the early 1830s and later named Lyndhurst. The plantation house (on the National Historic Register) is one of three remaining antebellum plantation houses in Jefferson County.
►	North - Gum Swamp	27.1	13. Gum Swamp Road - A canopy road with steep clay embankments goes through farms & ranches. (CR 146)
◀	West - Ashville Hwy	28.9	
		32.7	14. Jefferson Landings - Private airstrip community.
		32.7	15. Dixie Plantation - Originally covering 30,000 acres, the plantation now comprises 9,000+ acres. Purchased in the 1920s by Gerald Livingston, the land is now a conservation trust managed by Tall Timbers.
		33.1	16. Snead's Smoke House - Recreation area includes boating and fishing.
		34.9	17. Pickney Hill Plantation - A 39,000 acre plantation purchased in the 1920s by Wm. S. Farish. Re-named Pickney Hill. Now in a conservation trust allowing farming, timber and hunting.
►	North - Brock Road	35.6	18. New Bethel Church - A lovely country church.
►	North - Brock Road	36.0	19. Brock Road - This designated canopied road was a trade route for early settlers. Unpaved 3.3 mi.
▲	North - Groover Rd	39.4	20. Groover Road - This designated canopied road was a trade route for early settlers.
		39.7	21. Elizabeth School - African American school used 1936-1965; funded by the WPA during the depression. Bear left at the "Y"
		42.3	22. Live Oak Plantation - Hunting, timber & farming.
◀	South - Boston Hwy	43.2	
		43.2	
		46.0	23. Merrily Plantation - Hunting, timber & farming.
		46.0	24. Olive Baptist Church - Lovely country church.
		42.7	25. Bethel Church - Lovely country church.
		47.9	26. Mt. Zion Cemetery
		48.6	27. Golden Acres Ranch - This small ranch offers tours and a petting zoo. 2 miles west on Barnes. Appointments necessary 850-997-6599.
◀	South - US 19	52.3	28. Edgewood Plantation - Just outside Monticello.
END		53.1	Monticello Courthouse



# FLATWOODS-WILDERNESS TRAIL

Distance: 77.4 miles

Travel Time: 2:30 minutes

Please note services are limited and many roads are unpaved.

See website for additional routes on this trail.

This trail travels through southern Jefferson County, along a number of canopy roads, through plantations, historic sites and recreation areas. It begins in the rolling Red Hills and drops at the Cody Escarpment into the Flatwoods of the coastal plain.

START: Monticello - Monticello, Courthouse Circle.

Turn	Road	Miles	Sites of Interest
▼	South - US 19	.1	
►	South - Waukeenah Highway	1.6	
		2.8	1. Monticello Vineyards & Ladybug Organics - Award-winning muscadine wines and organic fruits. Seasonal grape picking & tours by appointment.
		2.8	2. Casa Bianca - In 1834 a 3,000 acre plantation here was owned by Joseph & Ellen "Florida" White. Joseph was FLs first territorial delegate to the US House of Reps. Struck by lightning, this house burned in 1906.
		4.0	3. Oakfield Cemetery
		6.3	4. Sardis Church / KOA Campground
		11.4	5. Old St. Augustine Road - This beautiful canopy road is a remnant of the "Old Bellamy Road," a Spanish road that stretched from St. Augustine to Pensacola.
		11.4	6. Waukeenah - Established early 1800s. Skirmishes with Indians took place here in the 1830s.
		14.3	7. Spanish Mission Site - The site of San Juan de Aspalage, which burned in 1704, is just east of SR 259.
		14.3	8. Cody Escarpment - The dramatic drop from the Red Hills to the Flatwoods here. Once the shoreline of an ancient sea.
◀	South - SR 59 (aka Gamble Road)	16.6	9. Wacissa - A residential community engaging in logging & ranching. In the early 1900s a turpentine train ran daily from Wacissa to Thomasville, Georgia.
▲	S - Wacissa Springs Rd.	17.3	
▲	N - Wacissa Springs Rd.	17.8	
		18.4	10. Wacissa River County Park - The Wacissa River begins here from two springs. Enjoy boating swimming, canoeing and picnicking on one of the most beautiful, unspoiled spring-fed rivers in Florida.
◀	West - SR 59 (aka Gamble Road)	20.3	
►	West - US 98	31.8	11. Wacissa Wildlife Management Area - The WMA covers more than 89,000 acres of the Flatwoods. It is open to the public for hunting, hiking and camping. Check FWC regulations.
		31.8	12. St. Marks Waterfowl Refuge Area - 19 miles to the west is the St. Marks River, entrance to the Waterfowl Refuge Area and the St. Marks Lighthouse.
		31.8	13. Lost Volcano - Tales of smoke eerily spiraling up from the swamp were told from the 1830s to 1890s when it disappeared.
◀	East - US 98	35.5	14. Aucilla River - Home to humans for 14,000 years this is one of the richest archaeological areas in the US. Open for boating, canoeing, kayaking & fishing.
		37.7	15. Old Salt Works - Valuable during the Civil War, a salt factory operated for years near the coast.
		39.5	16. Mandalay - A small fishing community on the Aucilla. A public boat ramp is available.
◀	N - Powell Hammock	40.0	17. Great Florida Birding Trail
◀	W - Goose Pasture Rd.	44.3	18. Aucilla Sinks - The Aucilla River disappears underground seven times forming the Aucilla Sinks. Bear left at the "Y"
▲	E - Goose Pasture Rd.	45.6	19. Goose Pasture Park - Open year round for picnicking, boating, fishing and camping (except hunting season). A beautiful, unspoiled area.
		48.2	20. Old "Slave Canal" - In the 1800s, cotton planters collaborated to dig a canal between the Wacissa & Aucilla. Never completed, it is a canoeing trail today.
			South of the park.
◀	North - O'neel Tram Rd.	50.7	
		53.1	Bear left at the "Y" - County ATV trail system.
◀	West - Walker Springs	60.8	
►	North - Avalon Road	61.9	
		63.6	21. Avalon Plantation - Formerly Welaunee, now owned by Ted Turner. Comprises 31,000 acres. In the 1820s it was owned by the Gamble family of Revolutionary War fame. FL Gamble is near the river.
◀	East - E. Capps (US27)	67.1	22. Welaunee Church - founded in the late 1800s.
►	North - US 19	67.1	23. Old Tungsten Plant - a bustling "mini" city from the 1930s-1950s. Tung oil was used in varnish until the 1960s.
		67.1	24. Rosewood - This antebellum plantation house was built for Robert McBride, ca.1834. His daughter Margaret and husband Asa May were given the house in 1848. The house is on the National Register.
		67.1	25. Turner Youth Camp - A youth camp to learn fishing, hunting and good environmental practices.
END		77.4	Monticello Courthouse

# SPANISH TRACE TRAIL



Distance: 76.6 miles

Travel Time: 1:45 minutes

Please note services are limited.

The Spanish Trace Trail travels through central Jefferson County, along a number of canopy roads, through antebellum plantations, historic sites and past recreation areas. It takes you from the rolling Red Hills at the Cody Escarpment down into the Flatwoods.

START: Monticello - Monticello, Courthouse Circle.

Turn	Road	Miles	Sites of Interest
►	West - US 90 (Mahan)	.1	1. Old Jail Museum
		.2	2. Avera-Clarke B&B
		.3	3. Pasco House - On the left.
		.5	4. "Boots" Thomas Iwo Jima Memorial - In WWII, the first US Flag was carried up Mt.Surabachi on Iwo Jima by Marines led by Thomas, a Monticello native.
		.6	5. DeSoto Trail Marker - Spanish explorer Hernando DeSoto passed near here in 1539 on his expedition.
		2.7	6. County Horse Arena
		6.5	7. Lake Miccosukee - A natural prairie lake, which until the 1980s drained periodically into a sinkhole. Public access at Hopkins & Reeves Landings, Ward's Creek and on US 90. Good duck hunting & fishing.
		7.3	8. Lechworth Mounds - This is the largest earthen mound built by Native Americans in the southeast (ca. 900 AD). Now a state park.
◀	South - SR 59	9.7	9. Lloyd - Established 1850s, it was a bustling town until the 1930s. Walking tour of historic homes.
◀	East - Old Lloyd Rd	12.4	10. Lloyd-Bond House Built by Walter Bond ca.1860s. Served as a hospital for Civil War wounded.
		12.6	11. Laffitte - Built by Richard Laffitte in the 1890s. Small town commercial structure was a store and Rx.
		12.6	12. Lloyd Railroad Depot - The oldest brick RR depot in the state (ca.1858).
►	South - Lloyd Creek/Cherry Road	13.2	
►	West - US 27	15.1	13. Springhill Cemetery - Established in 1871.
		18.5	14. El Destino Plantation - Originally purchased in 1828 by Wm. Nuttall, and later in 1937 by Sheldon Whitehouse, ambassador to Guatemala & Columbia.
◀	S - St. Augustine Rd	22.1	15. Old St. Augustine Road - This beautiful canopy road is a remnant of the "Old Bellamy Road," a Spanish road that stretched from St. Augustine to Pensacola.
►	E - East Capps Hwy (aka US 27)	27.9	16. Waukeenah - Established early 1800s. Skirmishes with Indians took place here in the 1830s.
►	South - CR 259	28.1	(aka Waukeenah Hwy)
►	W - Beth Page Rd	31.0	17. The Cody Escarpment - Is the dramatic drop from the Red Hills to the Flatwoods here. Once the shoreline of an ancient sea.
		31.0	18. Spanish Mission Site - The site of San Juan de Aspalage, which burned in 1704, is just east of SR 259.
◀	South - SR 59 (aka Gamble Road)	31.0	19. Beth Page Church & Cemetery
		32.3	20. Wacissa - A residential community engaging in logging & ranching. In the early 1900s a turpentine train ran daily from Wacissa to Thomasville, Georgia.
▲	S - Wacissa Springs Rd.	33.7	21. Wacissa River County Park - The Wacissa River begins here. Enjoy boating swimming, canoeing & picnicking on this beautiful, unspoiled spring-fed river.
		34.3	
▲	N - Wacissa Springs Rd.	34.3	
▲	North - SR 59	34.8	Town of Wacissa
►	East - CR 259	35.5	
►	East - Peter Brown Rd	38.6	Paved 3.8 mi., unpaved .5 mi.
◀	E - Walker Springs Rd	42.9	22. Flatwoods - Large tracts of pine now occupy these coastal plains that were under the Apalachee Bay 30,000 years ago. County authorized ATV trail system.
		45.6	Beautiful canopy - unpaved 5.1mi.
◀	North - Avalon Road	47.3	23. Avalon Plantation - Formerly Welaunee, now owned by Ted Turner. Comprises 31,000 acres.
		50.4	24. Welaunee Church - founded in the late 1800s.
►	East - E. Capps (US27)	50.8	25. Tungsten Plant (Capps) - bustling town from the 1930s-1950s. Original tung oil plant is on the left.
		51.5	26. Rosewood - Antebellum plantation house was built for Robert McBride, ca.1834; he gave it to his daughter Margaret May -1848. On the Nat'l Register.
		51.5	27. Turner Youth Camp - A youth camp to learn fishing, hunting and good environmental practices.
►	East - Barber Hill Rd.	55.1	28. Barber Hill Road - Unpaved, unspoiled, oak canopy.
►	East US 27	55.6	
◀	North - CR 257 aka South Salt Road	56.7	29. Lamont - Originally called "Lick Skillet." It was founded in the 1840s near a major ford on the Aucilla.
		59.0	30. Redhills Plantation - In both Jeff. and Mad. counties.
◀	West - Aucilla Hwy	65.0	31. Aucilla - Originally an Indian Village and trading post.
►	North US 19	73.3	
END		76.6	Monticello Courthouse